



Facilities Policy

The Church's facilities were provided through God's benevolence and by the sacrificial generosity of the Church family over many years. The Church desires that its facilities be used for the fellowship of the Body of Christ and to bring God glory. Although the facilities are not generally open to the public, we make our facilities available to approved non-Crossroads organizations as a witness to our faith, in a spirit of Christian charity, and as a means of demonstrating the Gospel of Jesus Christ in practice.

However, facility use will not be permitted to persons or groups holding, advancing, or advocating beliefs or practices, be them a part of Crossroads or not, that conflict with the Church's faith or moral teachings, which are summarized in, among other places, our Statements of Faith and our church's *Guidebook*. Additionally, church facilities may not be used for activities that contradict, or are deemed inconsistent with, the Church's faith or moral teachings. The Directional Team (Elders), or their official designee, is the final decision-maker concerning use of Church facilities.

This restricted facility use policy is necessary for two important reasons. First, the Church may not in good conscience materially cooperate in activities or beliefs that are contrary to its faith. Allowing its facilities to be used for purposes that contradict the Church's beliefs would be material cooperation with that activity, and would be a grave violation of the Church's faith and religious practice.

Second, it is very important that the Church present a consistent message to the community, and that the Church staff and family conscientiously maintain that message as part of their witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Allowing facilities to be used by groups or persons who express beliefs or engage in practices contrary to the church's faith would have a severe, negative impact on the message that the Church strives to promote. It could also cause confusion and scandal to the Church family and the community because some people may reasonably perceive that by allowing use of our facilities, the Church agrees with the beliefs or practices of the persons or groups using its facilities. Therefore, in no event shall persons or groups who hold, advance, or advocate beliefs, or advance, advocate, or engage in practices that contradict the church's faith use any church facility. Nor may church facilities be used in any way that contradicts the church's faith. This policy applies to all Crossroads Church facilities, regardless of whether the facilities are connected to the Church's sanctuary, because the Church sees all of its property as holy and set apart to worship God.

(2 Corinthians 6:14; 1 Thessalonians 5:22; Colossians 3:17)